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Ald. Davis Demands Answers in Tragic Shooting Death of Constituent

With layers of missteps by prosecutors and police piling up weekly in local media reports, Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. is demanding answers in the tragic shooting death of Frank Moore II. “The Milwaukee Police Department is doing an internal investigation into the fatal shooting of good Samaritan Frank Moore II, but has not yet released a report on its findings,” said Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. “I don’t want this to turn into another Frank Jude issue, and I demand some answers immediately.”

The 2nd District alderman will hold a news conference today, Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss his demands. It will be held at the intersection of N. 65th St. and W. Lancaster Ave. Media coverage is invited.

Frank Moore II, a father of three, was gunned down July 22nd after he tried to stop a burglary at a neighbor’s home in the 5100 block of N. 65th St. The shooting happened a day after the man accused in the shooting was released from jail without charges in connection with other incidents. Ald. Davis has said the tragedy was compounded by the fact that police and the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s office dropped the ball and failed to file charges in the earlier cases.

“This killer was on the streets when he should have been in jail,” said Ald. Davis, “And I want the police, as well as the district attorney’s office, to release their specific findings as to what happened in this case. The citizens deserve to get all of the facts.” The alderman said all of the law enforcement personnel should be available to give depositions and all of the evidence and reports that were filed should be readily available to not only the police department but the district attorney’s office and the public.

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“What is most important I think is that the family deserves some answers in an expeditious manner,” said Ald. Davis.

“I demand some answers immediately before this turns into another Frank Jude issue,” he said.

In the case of Frank Jude, Jr., off duty police officers were accused of severely beating him while trying to find the whereabouts of a police badge that was reportedly stolen during a house party. A jury dismissed the charges against three defendants with some exceptions.

Ald. Davis says it took more than three months before the police department made public the results of its internal investigation in that incident, and that lengthy period of time created a sense of mistrust of the police department and district attorney’s office in Milwaukee.

“In my opinion the justice system failed in the Frank Jude matter,” said Ald. Davis, “And to restore some trust in our law enforcement agencies, we must find out, and find out quickly, how this tragic death of a constituent, friend and neighbor could have been prevented.”